

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at the bottom of page 14, line 23, and continuing on to page 15, with the following amended paragraph:

The sequence of steps executed by the device while in state 4 in response to a DL-ESTABLISH request message ~~from the peer device~~ will now be described. In particular, at step 126, the device transmits a DISC message (a disconnect request message) with the P bit set to 0 to the peer device to inform the peer device that the device's layer 2 was down and instructs the peer device to release the previously established SVCs. The device also starts the retransmission timer T200 at step 128, sets the Awaiting_UA/DM flag to 1 at step 130, and performs the "Sets Layer 3 Initiated" step as known in the art at step 132. Steps 126-132 need not be performed in the sequence shown and may be performed in any desired suitable sequence.